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For: STARS-A MUSCLE-SPECIFIC ACTIN-  
BINDING PROTEIN

**INVENTORS' DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**


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We, the undersigned, do declare that:

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2. We are also the Eric N. Olson and Akiko Arai named as authors of Arai *et al.*, "STARS, a Striated Muscle Activator of Rho Signaling and Serum Response Factor-Dependent Transcription," *J. Biol. Chem.* 227(27):24453-24459 (2002).
3. Jeffrey A. Spencer is also an author of Akai *et al.* However, Dr. Spencer is not listed as an inventor on the instant application because he was acting under the direction of inventors Arai and Olson and did not make any conceptual contribution to the subject matter described therein.
4. We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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